

Agenda

1. Remote Meeting Notice and Land Acknowledgement (5 min)
2. Review of Minutes (5 min)
 - a. Commissioner Grossman motioned to accept July minutes Commissioner Soneja seconded - *Passed with abstention* from Co-Chair Jolin
3. Review of July Community Input (1 min)
 - a. None
4. Co-chair Report (10 min)
 - a. Friends of the Robbins Library Event – 3/22
 - i. Co-Chair Jolin to follow up with Gwen Wong to proceed with interview format
 - b. Meeting with Co-Chairs of Town Commissions
 - i. Our table at the Farmer's Market will be shared with the Rainbow Commission
 - ii. Commissioner volunteers needed
 1. Commissioner Carney to send out signup genius
 - c. Meeting with Chief of Police:
 - i. ABLE training – 2 officers to attend training, will train officers following program completion
 - ii. Matthew Shepard training to be held in Nov for the full department
 - iii. De-Escalation Training in ME – 2 officers attended from APD
 - iv. Intersection of Guns and Hate event will be held on Sept 23rd at 7pm
 - d. Meeting with Town Manager – ARPA funds
 - i. Covid relief fund for the Town of Arlington
 - ii. Video explanation of funds and how to allocate on the town website
 - iii. Residents may add comments to google form (on website) until 9/9
 - iv. Town forum will be held 9/9
 - v. Select Board review will be on 9/13
 - vi. Select Board endorsement will be on 9/27
5. DEI Division updates (5 min)
 - a. ADA Training
 - i. Jillian working to apply for ADA grant
 - ii. Grant last year focused on updating restrooms in the most frequented buildings in town
 - iii. This year considering applying for accessible technology improvements to conference rooms
 - b. Community Conversations
 - i. Events wrapped up last week
 - ii. New meeting format allowed for more public participation
 - iii. DEI town webpage will be updated to include questions from community conversations
 - c. Potential grant opportunity
 - i. St John's Episcopal grant for programming around AAPI Awareness
 - ii. AHRC decided not to participate based on grant requirements/guidelines for participation
6. Working Group Q&A (10 min)
 - a. Schools and Education
 - i. Minutes provided prior to meeting
 - b. Outreach/Events
 - i. First joint meeting focused on 9/23 event
 - ii. Brochure translated into 6 languages
 - c. Communications

- i. Website training complete
 - d. Housing
 - i. Did not meet
 - e. IPD
 - i. Opportunity to join professional development program about IPD on 8/24 (8-11am) through the schools.
- 7. MAHRC – Commissioner Bauer (3 min)
 - a. No meeting in July/August
 - b. Commissioner Bauer to step down – replacement needed
 - c. Meeting held on 2nd Friday of the month at 9:30 AM
- 8. Chief's Advisory Council – Commissioner Grossman (1 min)
 - a. No meeting
- 9. Diversifying Local Boards and Commissions – Commissioner Grossman (3 min)
 - a. No meeting – this was a one-time event
- 10. Civilian Review Board Exploratory Committee – Commissioner Rogers (3 min)
 - a. Non-profit presentation sent with meeting pre-reads
 - b. Status report to be discussed later in the month
 - c. Currently there are 3 standard models for consideration – recommendation will most likely be a hybrid
 - d. From the period 2016 to April 30, 2021 there have been 18 citizen complaints total.
- 11. Community Input (15 min)
 - a. none
- 12. Incidents (1 min)
 - a. New incident reported – verbal threats and homophobic slurs between past co-workers
 - i. Police have contacted the suspect with little cooperation
- 13. Arlington Housing Plan; Speaker: Erin Moriarty, Asst. Director for Planning and Community Development (10 min)
 - a. Town Housing Plan is reviewed every 5 years
 - b. Currently gathering community input
 - i. Meeting in a Box: 3 questions and meeting materials provided to host
 - ii. Topics include affordability, building location preferences, and issues effective various populations in town
 - iii. Community members encouraged to participate and host these meetings – responses collected by the committee through Sept 14th
 - iv. Community forum will be held on Sept 14th at 630 pm
 - c. Meeting in a Box graphic to be shared with AHRC to help promote participation
 - d. Recommendation made to reach out to precinct leaders for interest
- 14. September Retreat (10 min)
 - a. Co-Chair Pusey to send out doodle poll
 - b. Possible dates – 9/12 or 9/26
 - c. Agenda topics include police presence at meetings, town survey findings, events in the next fiscal year
- 15. Announcements (5 min)
 - a. Coffee Chats
 - i. July – Grossman/Minton
 - 1. Public not in attendance
 - ii. August - Bauer/Carney
 - 1. Will take place at the farmers' market event in Sept
 - iii. Sept – Pusey/Jolin
 - b. Incident Handling
 - i. Sept – Bauer

16. Ad hoc topic

- a. Statements for Haiti and Afghanistan proposed by Co-Chair Pusey
- b. AHRC in favor of writing and expediting both statements
 - i. Afghanistan – discuss human rights violations and welcoming of refugees: Co-Chair Pusey and Commissioner Soneja to draft
 - ii. Haiti – AHRC to raise awareness of humanitarian efforts close to home – Commissioners Brown and Carney to draft
- c. Commissioner Haynes motioned to write both statements and expedite approval, Commissioner Brown seconded - *Passed with abstention* from Commissioner Soneja

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brown; seconded by Commissioner Carney; passed unanimously.

Next meeting: September 22, 2021, 8:00 pm, Remote Participation.

Anyone needing accessibility information or other assistance to attend this meeting should contact Jillian Harvey, jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us. This meeting is open to all interested individuals.